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## Draftees To Break Strike

Wellington, New Zealand, Mar. 13. The New Zealand government has put 18-year-old draftees at work on the nation's wharves to move cargo tied up by a 24-day old dock strike. Two ships of the New Zealand Navy, as training manoeuvres with Australian ships, were also recalled to increase the manpower available to work the docks. The strike for higher pay has paralysed nine New Zealand ports. Some 1,100 seamen are already at work on the docks. Today's moves are expected to add another 1,000 men to the pool. The dockworkers are striking for higher pay. —Associated Press.

## The Ladies Win Hands Down

Mendon, Michigan, Mar. 13. The ladies, bless them, assumed official control of municipal affairs in Mendon today as the result of a landslide election victory over their husbands. An all-woman slate of candidates was formed last month to "excite a little interest" in Monday's election. But no one thought that the women would out the men. However, Mrs. Helen Hickmott led the ticket when she beat incumbent Marvin Dalman for village president. The vote was a whopping 77-43. Although the population of Mendon is around 800, only 155 persons bothered to register for election. Some men candidates were not even able to vote for themselves. For years, men got together on a non-partisan progressive ticket and few voters were to the polls to make their choices legal. But this year some Mendonites decided to make things more interesting. They held a caucus and nominated candidates for an all-women citizens ticket.

Mrs. Hickmott helps her husband run a store here. Dalman had not only lost the election but watched his wife win the race for treasurer, while Mrs. Mary Miele defeated her husband, Gordon, for village trustee. The only woman who lost was beaten by another woman. "This is just dandy," said one defeated candidate who preferred to remain anonymous. "Now we can just sit back and see if these gals can do the job any better." —United Press.

## Russians Invited To Talks

Berlin, Mar. 13. The Western Allied authorities tonight invited the Russians to round-table talks to end the "little blockade" of West German barges in the Soviet zone and East German barges in West Berlin.

The East German authorities closed West Berlin's water link with West Germany on January 12 for "repairs" to locks.

On March 6 British and German police occupied canal locks in the British sector of Berlin as part of a new effort to "prevent illegal East-West trade."

Major-General G. K. Bourke, British Commandant in Berlin, in a letter to M. Sergei A. Dengin, Berlin representative of the Soviet Control Commission, said, "In view of certain difficulties which have arisen from the application of administrative measures under Soviet and British control to traffic by water to and from Berlin, I should be glad to know if you would be willing to join in an early discussion of these problems which affect our mutual interests."

"My American and French colleagues associate themselves with this enquiry."

Major-General Bourke's letter was in reply to a protest from M. Dengin against the holding up of East German barges at West Berlin locks by British military police and West Berlin police.

On March 6 British and German police occupied all three West Berlin locks (in the British sector) to check East German barges as part of a new effort to prevent "illegal East-West trade."

The British action followed the decision of the East German authorities in January to close the Magdeburg-Rothensee locks, in the Soviet zone for repairs, thus blocking the vital Mittel-land Canal, West Berlin's waterway link with West Germany. —Reuters.

## Priests Executed In Albania

London, Mar. 13. Vatican Radio said today that 40 Roman Catholic priests had been executed in Albania without trial.

Most of the priests still alive were in prison and all Albanian bishops had been suspended or had disappeared, the Radio added.

The fate of only one bishop, Monsignor Ignace Sliha, was known. He was detained in his home. —Reuters.

## Big Four Deputies Get Together



## Strong Public Reaction To Sentencing Of Two British Sentries

(OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 13. Twice in less than a year British public opinion has been shocked by cases of British servicemen who were convicted by courts martial for shooting civilians while they were on sentry duty. Driver Robert Fargie, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for killing a South Korean civilian at Taegu while he was guarding a military dump, has been freed and the Daily Express this morning reveals the results of a nation-wide public opinion poll carried out in respect of this case last January.

The Express asked on two successive days whether readers "the newspaper has over four million of them—thought the sentence was justified. On the first day over 27,000 people replied "No" and only 31 answered "Yes" to the question. Next day the vote against the sentence was over 14,000 and the number of people who thought it was justified fell to only 13.

These results were never published at the time because the Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, ruled that the case was sub judice.

But the polls continued to pour into the Daily Express office. By the end of February over 56,000 people had protested against the sentence and 49 had given it their approval.

A similar public outcry followed the passing of the

The Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies are meeting in Paris and this general view of the conference table was taken when the talks opened. On right are members of the Soviet delegation, headed by Mr. Gromyko. Centre, facing camera, is the British delegation, led by Sir William Strang. On extreme left is the French delegation and with backs to the camera the American representatives.

## Complete Deadlock In Paris

Paris, Mar. 13. The United States, British and French delegates announced tonight that their talks with Russia on a programme for a Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference were "completely deadlocked." The Russian delegate, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, scornfully rejected a compromise programme draft submitted by the three Western delegates.

Mr. Gromyko insisted that the programme contain a separate item on forbidding militarisation of Germany—an item which would be so worded as to constitute in itself an indictment of the Western powers for planning to rearm Western Germany.

"There is a complete deadlock," said a Western spokesman after today's meeting. "No new proposals were made by either side. There was no agreement on the old proposed items. There has been no change in position by either side."

Western delegates were beginning to doubt whether Russia, which first proposed a Foreign Ministers conference, really wanted one now. However, Mr. Gromyko told the Western delegates during the wrangling today at the longest meeting since the conference of the Big Four deputies started on March 8. "It is too early to talk about failure."

This was the first time that the possibility of failure even to agree on a programme for discussion by a Foreign Ministers conference had been mentioned in the meetings. —United Press.

## Bomb Planted In Embassy

Rome, Mar. 13. "There is a bomb in your garden," a mysterious voice over the telephone informed the Yugoslav Embassy here today.

The Embassy called police, who found a half-pound home-made dynamite bomb. They dismantled it without explosion.

Just after midnight last night two similar bombs exploded, one beside the Italian Foreign Office and the other in the garden of the United States Embassy.

Pamphlets found nearby indicated they were a "Black Legion" protest against any action at the London conference of Prime Ministers Alcide de Gasperi and Foreign Minister Carlo Sforza that might yield Italy's claim for return of Trieste. —Associated Press.

## REDS FALL BACK ALL ALONG THE LINE

### UN Forces Nearing 38th Parallel

Tokyo, Mar. 14. The Red Army abandoned a mile-wide belt across Korea yesterday, retreating into the undefended no-man's-land, and patrols ranged ahead in search of the enemy's next defence line. The Reds faded back out of the reach of the Allies practically everywhere on the 140-mile Korean front, save for scattered rear guards fighting small-scale delaying actions.

Censorship concealed the positions of the advancing United Nations forces as always when contact is broken, and the information might aid the enemy. The Eighth Army, at the last report, was probing into the defences of flanked Seoul, closing in on the mountain citadel of Hongchong and fanning out through the east central wilderness from captured Changpyong and strategic Mount Taemi.

American troops on the central front were making feelers jobs at the Hongchong River just west of the town of the same name.

Some front reports indicated that the retreating Reds would try to seize a foothold along the Hongchong barely 20 miles below the 38th Parallel. The Reds were rushing reinforcements and supplies southward. Allied authorities had no doubt that the enemy had only pulled back, not out, and was getting ready to fight again.

The Eighth Army, striking northward along a broad front, pursued the retreating Communist forces toward the 38th Parallel on Tuesday and sent patrols deep into enemy territory without contacting major Chinese or North Korean forces.

Only on the First Cavalry Division front, southwest of Hongchong did the Chinese stand and fight. They hurled a battalion-sized counter-attack against the Cavalrymen at 5.16 p.m., but the Yanks supported by air and artillery bombardment threw the Reds back by 6.30 p.m. The counter-attack came after the Chinese had sent heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire into the advancing Cavalrymen throughout the day and lobbed more than 100 rounds of mortar fire into their positions during the afternoon.

Lack of contact with the retreating Reds was reflected in the Eighth Army's claim of only 1,340 casualties and the capture of 47 prisoners on Tuesday.

North Koreans on the east central front and the Chinese to the west were abandoning well-prepared defensive positions that could have cost the Allies hundreds of lives to overcome.

Ridges honeycombed with intricate bunker and foxhole systems were found deserted all along the front. No responsible Eighth Army officials would speculate on the depth of the Communist withdrawal.

Communist road traffic dropped off to approximately 550 vehicles observed by Fifth Air Force night intruders on Tuesday night after three days of record-breaking enemy movement averaging about 1,500 vehicles nightly.

NIGHT SORTIES The weather was clear over all of North Korea during the hours of darkness, and the Fifth Air Force put up more than 80 night attack sorties to observe and strike Communist transport. The Fifth Air Force mounted its greatest effort of the war on Tuesday. There were 797 effective sorties reported by midnight, topping the previous high mark of 774 sorties flown on Monday.

Enemy vehicles have been taking a heavy pounding as Fifth Air Force fighters and light bombers concentrated on the campaign to halt the enemy's "stepped up re-supply activities," an Air Force spokesman said. On Tuesday 224 vehicles were reported destroyed or damaged, bringing the total for the past three days to 870.

On Tuesday night alone more than 100 enemy vehicles were attacked by B-26 pilots of the Third Bomb Wing who claimed

## Petition In Blood

Cairo, Mar. 13. A petition written in the blood of four women university graduates demanding equal rights for women was sent to King Farouk today.

Four Cairo buses stopped near the King's palace and 300 determined women—members of the Women's National Party—hurled off and made for the palace with the petition.

The ban on demonstrations stopped them marching through the streets. —Reuters.

## Ex-Diplomat Accused Of Smuggling

Bombay, India, Mar. 13.

A former Chilean diplomat accused of smuggling US\$850,000 in gold into India today named a Swiss citizen as the brains of an international smuggling ring which pulled off the job.

Manuel Garreton is a former Chilean Ambassador to Turkey and representative on the United Nations Korean Commission. He has since been discharged.

Court officials said he confessed today that he brought the gold into India in a diplomatic pouch.

In addition, he admitted bringing in six suitcases of gold on an Indian Airlines plane.

Garreton entered his confession before Chief Presidency Magistrate Oscar Brown.

The ex-diplomat faces the charges along with a Frenchman, Guy de la Passaderie, and C. Gonzalo Mera, former chief officer of the Chilean London Embassy. The Frenchman is out on bail. Police said Mera escaped from India by plane before Garreton's arrest.

Garreton confessed that the Swiss offered him a large reward for bringing in the gold. He said he picked up the suitcases containing the gold in Bangkok from Mera.

The previous shipment came from Europe on November 20 when he flew to India enroute to the Far East as a member of the UN Commission. He said he was accompanied on the flight by de la Passaderie, who was the Swiss citizen's secretary.

Large amounts of gold have been smuggled into India recently because of the high price it brings. The government controls the value of the Rupee and trading in gold is illegal. —Associated Press.

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Hongkong's Radio Stations

THE divorce of Hongkong's radio stations from the controlling influence of the Postmaster-General, long advocated, has at last been effected. But not quite in the way urged by the reformists. The argument was that Radio Hongkong with its Chinese counterpart, ZEK, were sufficiently important and specialised departments to justify independent operation by properly qualified administrative officers. Another point constantly being hammered home was that the PMG had an important, full-time job of work to tackle without being saddled with the extra worry of trying to administer radio stations. While Government, apparently, has been willing to concede the last-named proposition, it is not ready to acknowledge the first. Instead, under the new arrangement, first made public last week by the Financial Secretary in his Budget speech, the administrative control passes from the PMG to the PRO. Superficially this may possess advantages. There is natural liaison between the PRO and Radio Hongkong; furthermore both the radio stations and the PRO share responsibilities for keeping the public informed and of giving to the outside world the Hongkong point of view. An important similarity of interests and functions clearly exists. Still open to question, however, is whether the PRO is not being asked to shoulder too heavy a burden. His department has considerably expanded since it was first established late in 1945 with correspondingly heavier duties. More than ever is it a full-time job. The obvious danger is that a PRO (or anybody else) called upon to administer two weighty departments, might find the dual responsibility too severe a strain.

### The listening public, it has been frequently shown, are fairly sensitive to changes in the quality of radio entertainment and a vast number of factors have to be taken into consideration when putting daily programmes on the air; and this involves much time. It is no sinecure to run radio stations and usually requires undivided interest. Which is why the conviction remains that Radio Hongkong should have its separate administrative officer with necessary assistants. If it is pleaded that Radio Hongkong cannot afford any such administrative set-up, the argument will cut very little ice with the public. The department is a substantial revenue-producer and could, with justification, claim that it is already held down to a beggarly budget. The suspicion remains that Government still underestimates the importance of its radio stations, not only as a source of public entertainment, but as a counter-irritant to the propaganda which pours out over the air daily from Canton and other China mainland stations. Telescoping the functions of Government radio into another department may be economical but whether it can be effective is open to serious doubt. Government's latest action does nothing to rationalise the problem of its radio stations; it merely perpetuates a system of remote control. It may, this time, bear better results. The proposals for enlarging the Public Relations Office should, in due course, provide a clue. But we suggest Government might fruitfully review its decision to amalgamate broadcasting with the Public Relations Office in order to allow both departments the fullest possible freedom for effective operation.

The Judge's Office explains that the "Judge's Office" General entered in his summing up thus invalidating the proceedings. So the questions still remain: "Is a soldier on a murder charge justified after all in pleading that he acted on a superior's orders? Is or is not a sentry entitled to pull the trigger when somebody ignores his challenge to halt? Nobody knows."

The Express calls on the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Strachey, to tell Parliament the full story of Fargie's trial, conviction and release.

It adds: "What are the sentry's rights? When there is a case of shooting who should stand trial—the sentry, the Sergeant of the Guard, or the officer?"

"A private soldier must no longer be expected to risk ten years in gaol for giving the wrong answer to a question which seems to have baffled officers who court-martialled him."

## Anti-Segregation Motion Defeated

Nairobi, Mar. 13. The Kenya Legislative Council today rejected by 22 votes to eight a motion condemning racial segregation in Kenya.

The motion, put by Mr. A. B. Patel, leader of the five-Indian-elected members, asked that a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the question and suggest a means of rendering null and void racial segregation covenants in land titles and agreements.

The 11 elected European members joined Government members in opposing the measure. The Indian, African and Arab members supported it. —Reuters.

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## GAITSKELL RESISTS PROPOSAL

London, Mar. 13. Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer, resisted a proposal in the House of Commons today for a rubber commodity committee.

Mr Maurice Edelman (Labour) had urged him to invite the International Materials Conference to set up such a committee.

Mr Gaitskell replied that a special inter-government conference met in London last month to review the present and prospective position of natural and synthetic rubber. It also discussed various forms of international action which might be called for.

The conference had now adjourned for a short period, but was expected to meet again in a few weeks.

In the circumstances there would be no point in asking the International Materials Conference to set up a rubber commodity committee.

Mr Walter Fletcher (Conservative) asked whether he did not consider that the Rubber Study Group which had worked satisfactorily for a good many years, already provided what was needed.

Mr Gaitskell said that he did not think the question of "not tackling the rubber problem" arose here.

The question was whether there should be another conference when one was already in existence.—Reuter.

## Peking Names Commando Prisoners

Tokyo, Mar. 13. Peking Radio tonight announced the names of 10 Royal Marine Commandos captured in north-east Korea at the end of November, and early December last year and now believed to be held in a North Korean prison camp.

The names were claimed to be from those 279 American and British prisoners of war who signed an appeal for a cease-fire in Korea in accordance with Communist China's proposals to the United Nations Organisation.

The names are: Raymond Ogle, John Underwood, Terence Rhoderic Darby, Frederick Beadie, Donald Robert Trengus, Harry Mellings, Andrew Condon, Reuben Nicholls, Clive William Cox and C. McKee.

The Radio did not give the ranks or home addresses of the men.—Reuter.

## Big Swedish Strike Called

Stockholm, Mar. 13. Civilian manual workers in Sweden's armed forces have called a strike for March 21 following a breakdown in their negotiations for a new higher wages agreement.

The strike will stop work at naval yards in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Karlskrona, Air Force workshops and depots in different parts of the country and in the rifle factory in Eskilstuna, Central Sweden.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS  
1 V.I.P.  
2 Slang song.  
3 Calculated.  
4 Dig.  
5 Respectable.  
6 Insignificant.  
7 Grant.  
8 Part of the foot.  
9 Flare.  
10 Fattened.  
11 Out.  
12 Complete.

DOWN  
1 Bring up.  
2 Complaint.  
3 Desolved.  
4 Solemn promise.  
5 Rich.  
6 Humble.  
7 Assembly.  
8 Freedom from occupation.  
9 Chess piece.  
10 In existence.  
11 Arrow.  
12 Chaplain.

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Boat. 4. Biscuit. 8. Moon. 9. Cad. 10. Burnish. 11. Fiat. 12. Feet. 14. Nettled. 17. Rebel. 19. Barg. 20. Manager. 21. Veto. 22. Mute. 23. Callous. 27. Hazy. 29. Root. 31. Bottled. 32. Spire. Down: 3. Coast. 5. Tulle. 6. Brain. 8. Thured. 10. Comet. 11. Toss. 12. Prim. 13. Ebon. 15. Lure. 16. Duel. 18. Denote. 20. Avert. 21. Ginger. 23. Abate. 24. Alkot. 25. Ruins.

## Anglo-Italian Discussions Cover Trieste

Italy's Prime Minister, Signor Alcide de Gasperi, and Count Carlo Sforza, her Foreign Minister, are believed to have discussed Mediterranean defence and the Trieste issue with British political leaders here this afternoon.

After a two-hour talk this morning with the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and Britain's new Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, Signor de Gasperi said that the most cordial atmosphere possible had been created.

Between the two discussions at Mr Attlee's official residence in Downing Street, the visiting Italian statesmen lunched with His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace. Mr and Mrs Attlee also attended the luncheon.

Usually well-informed quarters here believed that the Trieste question was the forefront of this afternoon's talks.

The general question of Mediterranean defence is understood to have been thoroughly reviewed—with particular reference to the eastern basin, including Greece and Turkey (not for members of the Atlantic Pact) and Yugoslavia, which has no direct part in the Atlantic Pact organisation.

Italy's move in Belgrade yesterday, indicating interest in the security of Yugoslavia, was interpreted by observers here as a hopeful pointer to an eventual peaceful solution of the Trieste problem.

Signor Enrico Martino, the Italian Minister in Belgrade, according to Belgrade Radio, reported by Reuter, told Marshal Tito that the Italian Government was viewing the situation in Eastern Europe and the arming of Soviet battalions on the Yugoslav border with interest, and desired to maintain friendly relations with Yugoslavia.

**DIRECT SETTLEMENT**  
Mr Attlee and Mr Morrison were believed to have emphasised to the Italian statesmen today that Britain now considers the future of Trieste to be a matter for direct settlement between Italy and Yugoslavia, to which governments not immediately concerned in the problem can make little contribution.

Suggesting that the British Ministers would try to impose a solution on Italy were considered by diplomatic quarters here to be completely wide of the mark.

The Ministers were also understood to have discussed the future of the large Italian communities in Eritrea and Libya, for which Britain is administratively responsible in the difficult remaining transition period until Libya becomes independent and Eritrea is federated with Abyssinia.

Only the four Ministers took part in this morning's first meeting of the Anglo-Italian talks. They spent the whole two hours of the meeting in a secret session, diplomatic quarters understood.

It was originally expected that there would be a brief secret talk and that advisers would then be called in.

The Ministers were due to undertake a general review of the world situation before lunch, but it was not clear whether they did so or plunged immediately into specific issues such as the Trieste question and Mediterranean defence.

The Italian and British Ministers were accompanied at the

afternoon session by advisers and officials.

Some general discussion was also held today on the progress of the Atlantic Pact organisation.

Before the two-day talks end tomorrow at the Foreign Office, the statesmen will touch on a variety of other subjects, including such technical questions as emigration and the use of Italian labour.

The talks will be continued tomorrow without Mr Attlee but with Mr Morrison.

The Italian Prime Minister said he was "well pleased" with the progress of the talks.

"The best possible atmosphere was created from the outset of the discussions," he said as he left No. 10, Downing Street for lunch at Buckingham Palace.

"Viva Italia" echoed along Downing Street when De Gasperi and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Sforza, arrived at 10.30 a.m. GMT for their first meeting with the British leaders to discuss a lasting basis for Anglo-Italian relations. Many of London's "Little Italy" turned out to greet De Gasperi, as the first Italian Premier to visit Britain since the war.

"We are confident our talks will succeed," De Gasperi said before entering No. 10 to meet the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee.—Reuter.

## INDIA MAY GET GRAIN—AS LOAN

Washington, Mar. 13. Passage of the Administration bill to speed grain to India appeared possible today—only if it was sent as a loan instead of a gift. That is what was wanted in the first place.

Some Democratic leaders have kept the bill stalled in the Senate for more than a week while they made sure it would be passed if brought to the floor. They feared that defeat on the floor would have unfavourable international repercussions.

A survey by House Democratic leaders revealed that the strong opposition came from those who believe that aid should be sent only as a loan—or if sent free, that India should grant certain concessions, such as access to new uranium deposits and other strategic materials.

Democratic leaders, it was learned, were ready to make the bill pass if it included the bill along to the floor with principal objections.—United Press.

## Another Win For Labour

London, Mar. 13. The Government tonight defeated by 209 votes to 201 a Conservative attempt to censure it for the shortcomings of its African development schemes.

Earlier this month the Government announced that most of the £225,000 used to run a poultry farm in Gambia, West Africa, to provide eggs for Britain would have to be written off.

Lack of local grown feeding-stuffs and fowl typhoid were given as the reasons.—Reuter.

## Barcelona Riots Were Organised Affair

Perpignan, Mar. 13. French and American tourists arriving here tonight with a police escort from Barcelona reported seeing a man killed when police fired on a crowd which stoned them during yesterday's strike troubles.

They said they also saw a man seriously injured in a charge by mounted police.

It was estimated that about 20 people were injured in the disturbances, including the driver and fireman of a train held up by demonstrators.

A usually reliable source gave the number of arrests as 98 with others probable.

Each foreigner arriving at the frontier post near here was accompanied by a policeman.

The frontier was calm tonight.

The tourists said they had the impression of a spontaneous rising taken in hand at once by an efficient, powerful, secret organisation.

"At first it looked like a natural expression of anger, but gradually it took the form of a carefully organised campaign", one tourist said.

Some American tourists said that they were impressed by the youth of the demonstrators. The core of the movement seemed to be students, they said.—Reuter.

## Harwell's Latest Find

London, Mar. 13. Three new radio-active substances, produced cheaply by atomic scientists have made possible the use of costly radium industrial inspection, a radiologist revealed here today.

They are Cobalt 60, Tantalum 182 and Iridium 192.

Mr J. D. Hisslop, 'lecturing' to the Institute of Marine Engineers on gamma radiography, said that artificial radio-active substances had been known for many years. But until the advent of Britain's atomic energy research station at Harwell they could not be produced in quantity.

Now the availability of these substances, relatively free from the disadvantages of the natural sources of costly radium, was giving radiographic inspection a new value in all engineering applications.—Reuter.

## Milk Rationing In Hungary

Budapest, Mar. 13. Hungary announced the re-introduction of milk rationing today because of "professional hoarding." The Government said rationing would vary from one-fifth daily for babies to one-fifth of a litre for adults.

Sugar, flour, fat, butter, meat, soap and motor fuels were put on ration earlier in the year.—United Press.

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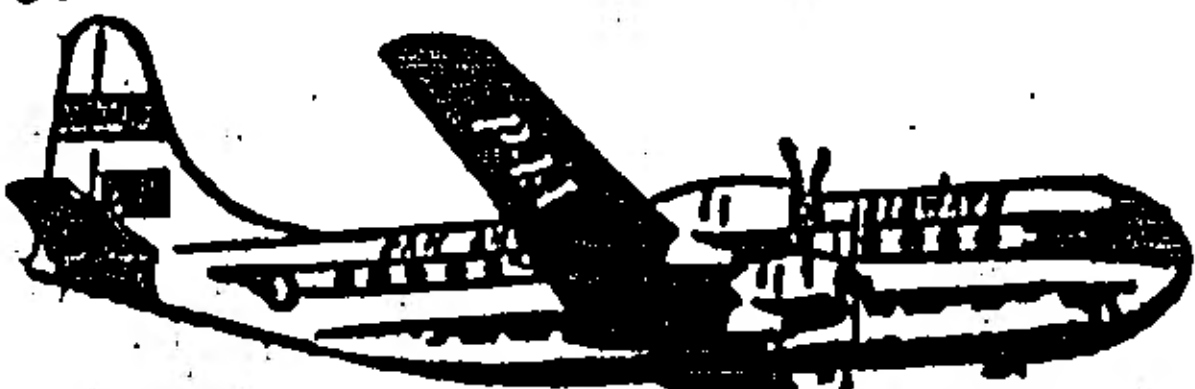
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ARGENTINE MEAT TALK

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A CHAMPAGNE SERIAL... 3rd DAY... by LEONARD MOSLEY

in a London flat,  
the 'Russian Lion' showed off  
the grip that beat  
Madrall



Do you remember Suzanne Lenglen? In a way she typified everything about the mad, glad, dizzy heights of the Cochran era. It was a happy time when over a rump-steak dinner (at 1s. 8d. a lb. without subsidies) the family could be split by defending Suzanne's right to be late on the Centre Court at Wimbledon.

Suzanne was a hook-nosed little Frenchwoman with a violent temper. Her figure was scrappy, her hair mousy, and her features admirably fitted her for the part of an Ugly Sister in pantomime. Yet she was always receiving proposals of marriage.

Britain was far more interested in whether Suzanne would wear stockings on the courts than it ever was in Gussie Moran's panties when she once appeared bare-legged before the King and Queen.

When the newspapers announced that Lenglen had turned professional Britain was convulsed with horror. "Will this affect Suzanne's status? Can she ever be received in social circles again?" asked a writer.

Cochran wasn't worrying about that. He saw in Suzanne's decision a golden opportunity for yet another new kind of mass spectacle—and signed her up, at £400 a match for a series of professional tennis tournaments in London.

He hired the vast skating rink at Holland Park (capacity 4,500) and again selling tickets at 14s. 6d. a time.

The nation seemed to agree with the pompous leader writer who considered his show "a bad thing for tennis," and 24 hours before the first match only 400 tickets had been sold.

It was then that Cochran showed his mastery as a showman. He didn't cancel the tournament. He didn't play to an empty house.

He took the tickets, in bundles of a hundred, round to all the big stores and persuaded the managements to give them away to their customers.

**BOXING TOO—**  
And another row

SUZANNE played her usual masterful game to defeat a German girl named Dora Koenig.

It was a wolf devouring a lamb, but the public liked it, and liked, particularly, the excitement of seeing tennis played at night under the first flood-lighting ever to be used for a sports show.

"After that the tennis tournaments were a great success, packed to the doors," said one of Cochran's aides. And then

added that frequent postscript to a Cochran venture: "Of course, we lost money." Cochran was not only promoting tennis but had a big boxing match on his hands, too. It was the world middle-weight championship bout at Olympia between Scotsman Tommy Milligan and America's Mickey Walker.

Just when the sale of seats should have been soaring, Jimmy White, the millionaire financier, committed suicide. This sensation robbed Cochran of the Front Page publicity he always banked on to sell tickets on the morning of the fight. Sales dried up.

But what a fight it turned out to be! For 10 rounds Walker's fists bit their way into Milligan's face and body, until by the end—after hitting the canvas three times in the last round—he went down for good.

Next morning not only had Cochran a disastrous financial record to read, but he was in the middle of a row almost as violent as the "cruelty" campaign against his Rodeo.

Sir Hall Caine led a public protest against what he called "this debauch of brutality," and asked that Cochran should be "prohibited by law from putting on such scenes until they had been purged of their unspeakable barbarity."

Cochran's reply was sharp. "Early Victorian flapdoodle," he said.

**MADRALL—**  
The man with the fez

THERE was always some extraordinary touch to Cochran's sporting ventures. At the outset of his career in the early days of the century, he ended in on the wrestling boom then sweeping the country. Outstanding grappler of the time—probably of all time—was Georges Hackenschmidt, known as "The Russian Lion."

Cochran searched Europe and America for an opponent for him, and found one at last.

He was a giant who first appeared wearing a long fur coat and a fez, and he was introduced as Madrall the Terrible Turk. Hackenschmidt wrestled him twice, in 1904 and 1905. What a fantastic struggle the 1905 bout proved to be.

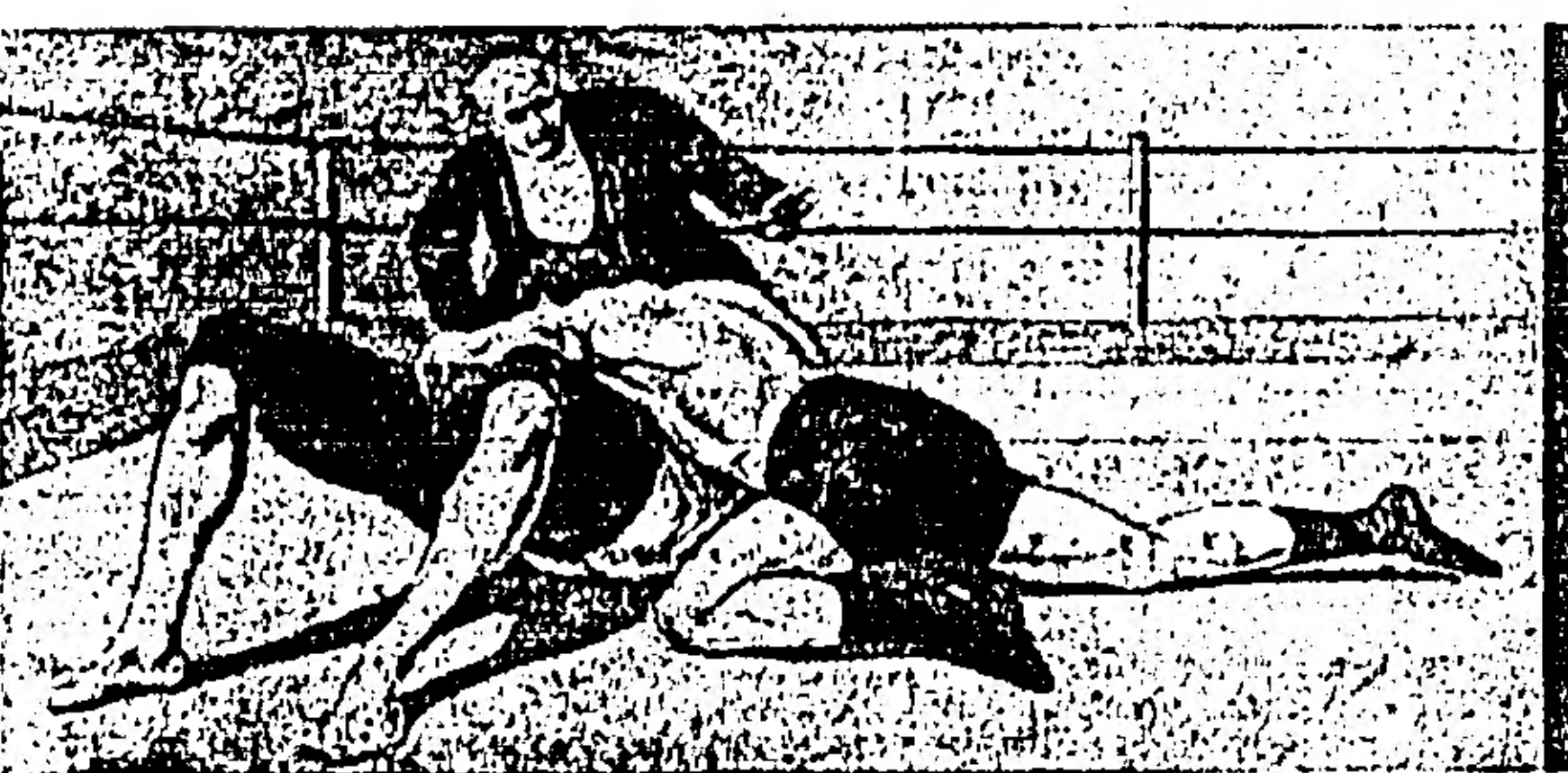
In his Hampstead flat Hackenschmidt, now 73 and still living a full and active life, talked about it.

He remembers the newspaper description of the final fall. "Madrall got his opponent by the body and threw him."

HACKENSCHMIDT holds up the hands with which he squeezed a second wrestling victory out of Madrall in the Cochran show of 1905. The reporter's description read: "One could see the glowing look of agonising hopelessness on Madrall's face." Here's why:—



FLASHBACK: First fall to Hackenschmidt in 1 min. 34 secs.



Sketched at the ringside by Ralph Cleaver

Defiantly Hackenschmidt slipped on his hands and knees and there for three long minutes Madrall held him and squeezed him.

Before one could quite realise what was happening, Hackenschmidt's great shoulders heaved, the body slipped round, and Madrall was underneath. The battle was won. The crowd yelled. The victor laughed and almost danced.

**SPINELLI—**

Temperamental dancer

NEARLY 14 years later Cochran brought that dapper, dancing Frenchman Georges Carpentier to London to box Joe Beckett, British heavy-weight champion. Carpentier got £25,000 as his end of the purse, and Beckett £3,000.

By charging 25 guineas for

ringside seats (still a world's all-time high) Cochran was able to draw a gate of over £30,000.

This bout, too, was over in less than a round—with a knock-out over Beckett.

Cochran did well out of that fight. And he made money out of others. But then, suddenly disgusted with boxing politics, he quit, and decided to concentrate on the theatre.

By 1930 Cochran had five shows going well, and plans for at least 20 more—with stars ranging all the way from the temperamental French dancer Spinelli to Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence.

Over in America bread-lines were beginning to form.

The cold breath of depression hadn't yet touched Britain—and in any case, it was still bright and warm and exciting inside a Cochran theatre.

—(London Express Service)

# Sitting On The Fence

By . . . Nathaniel Gubbins

A THOUSAND years we've sailed the sea

In ships that are our pride

In wooden ships, in iron ships

On oceans far and wide.

The seven seas they were our home

The Channel was our keep

When Britons sailed in British ships

When British captains sailed our ships

Untroubled was our sleep.

King Alfred was a sailor man

A thousand years gone by

He sailed his little wooden ships

From Winchester and Rye

His sailors they were, Englishmen

His captains English bred

When Alfred sailed his ships to sea

The Englishman, unconquered, free

Slept safely in his bed.

When Philip launched his mighty fleet

Of Spanish galleons tall

To break our stubborn English pride—

We didn't care at all

His lofty ships were scattered wide

Across the English sea

By Englishmen in little ships

By English captains in our ships—

O, peaceful was our sleep.

If they who wield a passing power

Should carelessly proclaim

That foreign hands should sail our ships

Then deep must be our shame;

No balm shall heal our wounded pride

Nor soothe our anger deep

And those who had our ships to give

To foreign hands, we'll not forgive;

We'll not forget while yet we live—

What's worse, we shall not sleep.

**Pub habits**

For the benefit of American troops who are being lectured on British history, party manners, and pub habits while they are stationed here.

MILLIONS of words have been written about old English taverns. Here are a few words about English pubs as they are today.

The modern pub is more like a large dog kennel than a place where you might expect to take refreshment at your ease.

—(London Express Service)

No doubt dogs invaded the old English taverns, but they were always dogs owned by men and therefore under proper control. Now that women pub crawlers appear to outnumber men by two to one, and sometimes bring two or three dogs with them, the proportion of dogs to human beings in pubs is sometimes as high as six to one.

Moreover, the dogs women bring into bars are frequently abnormal dogs. Whereas a man will have something on the end of a lead you can recognise as a dog, women will lounge in either with a couple of enormous dogs the size of donkeys, and with faces like gargoyles, or two or three little doggies, sometimes pop-eyed with practically no noses, sometimes long nosed doggies with practically no eyes, and sometimes doggies so hairy at both ends that you never know which end is which, until one of them bites you.

At first, it will seem like a nightmare, but if you stay here long enough you will get used to it.

After a time you will also become accustomed to dog fights round your ankles, having your legs bound tightly together by little doggies racing round you in circles, and the charming spectacle in this hygienic country of doggies sitting up at the bar drinking with slobbery tongues out of glasses you may be using if you stick around for a second drink.

As I have already reported here, there is a pub in England which is run by dogs for dogs.

The landlord is a big Alredale, and his wife is just what you would expect a dog's wife to be.

All the customers are dogs. They buy each other rounds of biscuits and sometimes have one on the house. Occasionally they bring in men and women on leads and give them a bit of biscuit or a drink of water from a bowl on the floor.

Probably you don't believe me, but if you care to write in I'll send you the address. It's a crazy country, boys.

**Way to treat a woman**

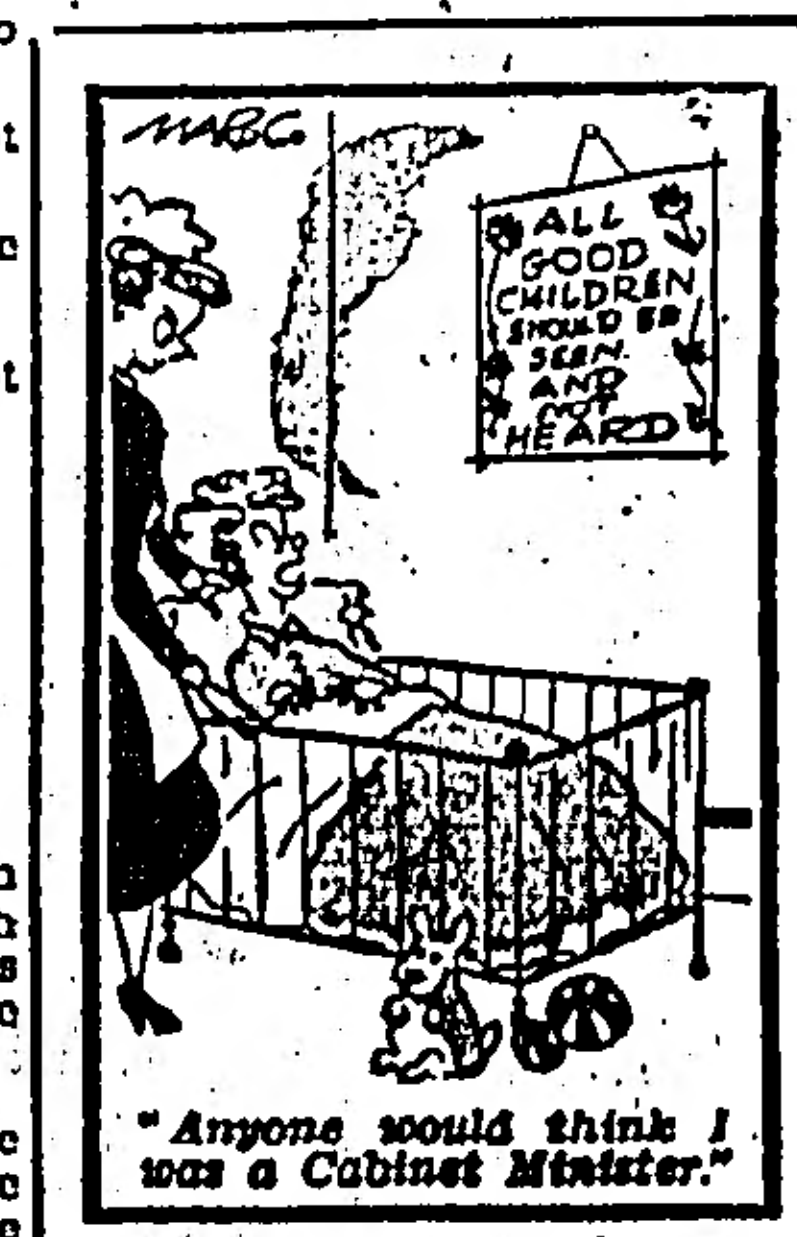
"Soon after we were married my husband knocked me unconscious, and when I came to asked me if I would like a nice cup of tea. I was granted a separation."

OTHER appropriate things which may be offered to a woman who has come to after being "knocked unconscious are:—

A slice of cake.  
A soft-boiled egg.  
A piece of cheese.  
A ham roll.

Should the ungrateful woman refuse any of these refreshments, you would be justified in knocking her unconscious again.

—(London Express Service)



# How to sum up your friends at a glance

(By A Special Correspondent)

Here are some of her facial guides to character:

Large features suggest expansiveness and breadth of mind. Small features tend to show weaker character.

A small forehead with wrinkled skin, tight instead of flexible, denotes that the mind and thoughts are mediocre.

If the width of the forehead is much greater than its height, it denotes a clever, acquisitive brain; the mind that drives a bargain. It is the forehead of the materialist.

Thickness in the breadth of the nose just above the wings of the nostrils is the sign of acquisitiveness and love of gain. Large nostrils denote enterprise; small ones indicate that

consistency in the character than with brown eyes.

If the colour of the eyebrow hair is darker and stronger than the hair on the head there will be strong feelings, passionate intensity, force of character and ardour.

Lips that turn up at the corners are witty, whimsical, amusing and fond of harmless flirting.

The cleft-chin subject sues for love and rarely remains unmarried.

A receding chin indicates weakness of will, often accompanied by obstinacy.

An ear which stands out from the head denotes a destructive nature with large animal propensities.

Short, upstanding hair, accompanied by a fierce, meddlesome nose, denotes a high, original and lastly



## OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPIONS AND FAVOURITE  
CAME TO GRIEF IN  
YESTERDAY'S SEMI-FINALS

By "ARGONAUT"

Two lady champions and one seeded player were eliminated in a night of sparkling badminton as the second series of the Colony Championship semi-finals went under way at Craigengower yesterday.

Mrs H. F. Gonsalves and Miss Margaret Xavier, holders of the Ladies' Doubles title for the three years that the event has been competed for went down in two straight sets, 11-15 and 6-15 in an uphill fight against the up and coming youthful combination of Ivy Choong and Dorothy Lam.

The other casualty of the night was S. T. Hooi, the second seeded player in the Men's Junior Singles event. Hooi was defeated by his University mate, Kwong Fook-wai, but not after three gruelling sets, that lasted just under one hour, and produced the best Junior singles match yet seen after the war.

The results of last night's games and the high standard shown in all of them, and particularly in the Men's Junior Singles once again brought a welcome realisation to the rapidly growing badminton community that the game has improved tremendously during the last year.

Mythie Gonsalves and Margaret Xavier were yesterday far from the form which won them the title in 1941, 1949 and 1950 and though retaining some of their strokes, were unable to cope up with the speed and variety of fluent strokes of their young opponents. Although slightly out of form, especially at the net, and executed some beautiful intercepting smashes and taps, Ivy Choong, the 18-year old Malayan girl, was the sheet-anchor of the winning combination, as she stood at the base and directed operations with deceptive drops, smashes and powerful forehand and backhand drives.

With Ivy Choong dropping her shots accurately, the Lam-Choong pair jumped to a lead of 4-0 and 6-3 in the first set. Three errors by them, however, enabled the ex-champions to level the score at 6-6. At 7-7, Mythie missed an easy sitter enabling Lam and Choong to forge ahead to 8-7, and then 9-7 and 10-8. A spirited comeback gave the Rovers pair three points to give them the first time a lead of 11-10. On her next service, however, Lam brought off two good net smashes to wrest the lead and three successive errors by Xavier at the backhand corner, gave her and her partner the first set at 15-11.

The second set opened with Mythie playing brilliantly at the net and Lam repeatedly missing her intercepting shots. The former champions held on grimly until 6-5, when Xavier netted her service return, and Lam and Choong went on to add six points in a row before giving up their service. A good tap by Mythie gave her side their last point, as the Chinese pair reeled off three further points on the changeover for set and match.

## BEST-POSTWAR MATCH

The Men's Junior Singles clash between the two University players, S. T. Hooi and F. W. Kwong was without doubt the best postwar match in the event. For 55 gruelling minutes, the two contestants battled to a standstill, giving everything they had in stamina, strokes

Eddie Choong  
Scores Good Win  
Over Poul Holm

Glasgow, Mar. 13. Eddie Choong (Malaya) who holds the All-England doubles title with his brother E. L. Choong, defeated Poul Holm (Denmark) 15-13, 16-17, 15-7 in the opening match of the second evening's play in the badminton series here between an international team and Denmark.

The international side were leading by three events to two when tonight's play began. Choong had to fight desperately to win his match against Holm. For 50 minutes they struggled and the crowd cheered constantly at the many spectacular rallies. Both smashed brilliantly and achieved some amazing retrievals.

In the first game the diminutive and wiry Choong gained an early lead of 5-0 but Holm, finding his touch, levelled at 10-10. Two deadly smashes gave Choong the game at 15-13.

In the second game, Holm had again to fight back from being 4-10 down and by brilliant play he made it 14-14. Holm was now playing beautifully and he fully deserved the cheers that greeted his victory by 17-10.

In the deciding third game the score went to 6-6, but then Choong, relying chiefly on his superb smashing, brought off a succession of fine winners and finally took the game and match at 15-7.

Denmark levelled the scores to make it four events each when Holm and Ole Jensen beat J. C. Mackay and Wong Pong-soon 10-8, 10-2 in the men's doubles, and Arne Loeckmann and Miss Christen Thomsen beat F. W. Pearcy and Mrs F. G. Alton-Wetherby by 15-9, 10-10 in the mixed doubles. — Reuters.

## GRAND QUALITY

Hooi was the superior in stroke production, but Kwong though handicapped with a weak smash, and an overhead backhand for which he had to cover more ground, was endowed with that grand quality of retrieving every possible shot. His accurate net flight became a deadly attacking weapon, at times and again he forced Hooi to send the shuttle into the net with those trickling net shots.

Kwong took the lead of 2-0 in the first set, and then there followed five changeovers of service, before Kwong again gradually crept up to 6-6, and with counter net flights and cross smashes, forged ahead to 7-6 and 10-6. Kwong came back in three services to score five points, only to lob out four times in succession and conceded the set at 15-11 after a good sideline smash by Hooi.

## COLONY TENNIS

Favourites Get  
Through The  
Quarter-Finals

In partnership with Gordon Lum, in Koon-hung, the Colony champion, easily defeated L. C. Kotevalli and Choy Tin-fook in the quarter-finals of the Colony Open Tennis doubles championship at Chater Road yesterday.

In another court, youth bowed to experience when the Lo brothers, Donald and Norman, lost to Dr-George Choa and K. C. Dao.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yung-pai, last year's runners-up, won from V. T. Wang and Lee Wai-long after a hard three-set battle.

The results were: In Koon-hung and Gordon Lum beat L. C. Kotevalli and Choy Tin-fook 6-0, 6-1; Dr-George Choa and Norman Lum beat Donald Lo and Tsui Wai-pui 6-0, 6-3, 6-2; Tsui Yung-pai beat V. T. Wang and Lee Wai-long 6-3, 6-2.

The following were the results of the 1950 championship matches: Mixed Doubles—Mrs A. K. Weller and F. A. Weller beat Mrs M. P. Parsons and D. P. Smith 6-3, 6-2; Mrs R. E. Barry and G. H. Smith beat Mrs B. Phillips and K. C. A. Ball 6-0, 6-4; Mrs Slater and T. J. Gould beat Mrs M. L. Robinson and H. E. Story 6-0, 6-3, 6-2; Mrs A. Ayres beat Mrs K. H. S. Wilson 6-0, 6-4, 6-1 in the Club Singles.

## Track And Field Meeting

The Inaugural Meeting of the Hongkong Amateur Track and Field Association will be held at the Jacobson Room, Hongkong Hotel, at 8.45 p.m. to-morrow. All Clubs interested are requested to send a representative. All individuals similarly interested are invited to attend. It is hoped at this meeting to have the Constitution of the Association adopted and to have the Association affiliated to the Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong.

## HOME RUGGER

London, Mar. 13. St. Mary's Hospital beat St. Thomas Hospital, the holders, by eight points to zero in the final of the Hospitals' Cup Rugby Union tournament played at Richmond today. St. Mary's Hospital now meet London Hospital in the final next Wednesday, March 21. — Reuters.

of applause with a series of gallant retrievals at this stage and with sideline smashes carried the score from 8-11 to 15-11 in one stretch on his service.

In the Men's Junior Doubles, Jack Brown and Billy Soares found themselves up against an inspired F. M. Rozario-A. J. Souza combination. Souza, in particular, was in brilliant form, and led his side with an allround attacking play to a comfortable 15-12, 15-1 win after encountering some stiff resistance at the beginning of the first set.

Although beaten by 15-8 and 15-6, Patrick Wong and D.C. Lau held their own during the play in their match against the more favoured pair of K. S. Low and Ramon Young, and the match was more closely contested than the score would indicate. Their weakness in the service and their tendency to fall into a series of errors was the main cause of the losers' downfall.

## THE RESULTS

## Semi-Finals

Schoolboy Singles: K.P. Chong beat U. Sel-pai (w.o.). Junior Men's Doubles: Tony Souza and Francis Rosario beat Billy Soares & Jack Brown 15-12, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss Dorothy Lam & Miss Ivy Choong beat Mrs Mythie Gonsalves & Miss Margaret Xavier 15-11, 15-6.

Junior Men's Singles: Kwong Fook-wai beat Hooi Seng-tuck 11-15, 15-6, 15-11. Senior Men's Doubles: Low Kent-soo & Ramon Young beat Patrick Wong & D. C. Lau 15-8, 15-6.

## TODAY'S GAMES

## At St. Teresa's

7.45 p.m. Schoolboys' Doubles: David Oey & James Oey G. L. Pomeroy & J. B. Pomeroy.

8.15 p.m. Ladies' Singles: Winnie Cheung v Gloria Silva. 8.45 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles: K. C. Wong & Mrs Elvise Tok v Billy Soares & Miss B. Remedios.

9.15 p.m. Senior Men's Singles: C. K. Lee v W. F. Foo.

9.45 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles: Robert Tay & Miss Marie Ribeiro v Patrick Wong & Miss Ullian Khoo.

WEEK-END  
HOCKEY

The following are the League hockey fixtures and umpires for Sunday, March 18:

Men's First Division Argonne v "A" v "B". R.N. No. 1 Ground, 11 a.m. Umpire, W.O. W. Padley. A.M. Silva.

Men's Second Division Argonne v "B" v University. Police Ground Boundary Street, 10 a.m. Umpire, J. B. Blackburn. J. B. Gonsalves.

Thunderbolts v Nomads, R.N. No. 1 Ground, 9.30 a.m. Umpire, W.O. K.G.M. Smith, J.C. Mercal.

Rovers v Y.M.C.A. R.N. No. 2 Ground, 8.30 a.m. Umpire, J.S. Geawal. A.V. Gosano.

H.K.A.A.F. v Dunch, Kai Tak, 10 a.m. Umpire, Sgt. Aldridge.

Any umpire who is unable to attend is requested to inform Mr. P. J. Stern.

Left as they are until other arrangements could be made. The meeting closed by passing a vote of thanks to the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels for the use of the room.

Army's Cricket  
Week Starts  
March 18

The Army Cricket Week in Hongkong will be from March 18 to March 26, both dates inclusive.

The fixtures will be played at the Army Cricket ground at Gokumpoo and will conclude on March 25 and March 26 with the Army playing a Civilian XI.

Following are the other matches to be played during the Cricket Week: March 19—Royal Artillery v Royal Engineers; March 20—Royal Army Service Corps v Royal Army Pay Corps.

March 21—Infantry v Lt Col Ramsey's XI.

March 24—Final Inter-Unit. A military band will play on the ground on every concluding day. Units will be at home to their guests during their own matches and the last two days will be used by the Army authorities to repay some of the hospitality that will be extended to the public.

Hardly a single Sunday passes—Sunday is Switzerland's

## THIS SET ALL BRISTOL ALIGHT



Cowell, Newcastle's right-back, stands on the goal line as Bristol Rovers' Bradford sets all Bristol alight with the opening goal of Rovers' sixth round Cup replay with one of the costliest sides in England.

Rovers, a team that cost £350, had their moment of glory. Newcastle won the replay 3-1. Picture also shows Fairbrother, the Newcastle goalkeeper, on the ground while Lambden and Brennan watch Bradford's left-foot drive.

## EVERY NATION TO ITS TASTE, BUT

Volley Ball Is The  
Most Popular Game  
At Lake Success

Diplomatic staffs of the United Nations at Lake Success have finally agreed upon a game equally popular with Britons, Americans, Asians, Middle-Easterners, and Australians alike.

The game is volleyball. When the officials at Lake Success moved a few of their offices to Manhattan, volleyball went with them.

It is played by 18 people, men or women, nine a side. The idea is to handle a ball across a high net, keeping it within a court.

Here is something new, however—for every game played is an international. In keeping with the world nature of the organization no game is played between British teams alone.

Americans outside Lake Success, however, are firm in their allegiance to baseball, football and basketball. Sailing, roller-skating, boxing, all-in wrestling, skiing, fishing, hiking, swimming and cycling (though to a much smaller degree than in Europe) are also popular.

Even in his evening recreation the American seems to kill himself. Dancing is now going back to square-dancing and the Charleston.

Sport in most fields has been commercialized, though much of the return goes back to the players. The huge British transfer fees wouldn't surprise anyone here. Big league players (in basketball for example) made very large sums.

RODNEY CAMPBELL (New York).

## KEEN ON MOST

Not content with having won the last Olympic Winter Games and having come second to the USA in the summer Olympics, Sweden is developing old sports and inventing new ones.

A popular Viking game is varpa, a mixture of discus-throwing and bowls. At seaside resorts men select flat stones, and as teams, hurl them as close as possible to a prescribed mark.

Most popular winter fixture is the 55-mile Vasa ski race. Thirty thousand people line the course, and a national radio hook-up broadcasts descriptions of the race.

Another popular winter game is bandy—ice hockey played on frozen football fields or lakes with a red ball instead of a puck.

The toughest winter sport, however, is "iglooing." Men tramp into the frozen Lapland wildernesses with little equipment, and build ice houses for themselves each night.

In the summer, shooting the rapids is equally popular and equally energetic.

Then there is the "Woodsmen's Marathon," a 50 or 60-mile "compass" race across forests, hills and swamps. Elk stalking is also popular throughout the country.

Of leading sports nations, Sweden is probably the least commercialized. Genuine amateur Soccer XI's have beaten England and come third at Rio World Championships, and there is practically no world sport at which Sweden does not compete internationally. — R. A. L. F. HEWINS (Stockholm).

## CYCLE-RACING MAD

In the last two years an Englishman and a Swiss have turned Switzerland cycle-racing mad, raising the sport to supreme national popularity.

The Englishman is the Manchester-born sprinter world champion Reg Harris. The Swiss is Jean-Fred, ever-smiling Ferdi Kuebler, winner of the world's greatest road race in 1950—the grueling 2,500-mile "Tour of France." — HARDY

great sports day—without at least one major cycle race. In the winter the racing takes place in covered cycle stadiums. Although amateur races are frequent, the real emphasis is on professional track contests, earning star riders more than £100 in an afternoon.

This is their salary—irrespective of whether they win or lose.

Road racing prizes are much higher. Kuebler's Tour of France win brought him about £2,000 in addition to a £1,000-a-year retainer by the cycle manufacturing firm whose "colours" Kuebler carries in all races.

Most other professionals are also under contract with some firm, and the fight between rival manufacturers is fierce.

Switzerland prides herself on being a major sports power, and there is hardly a sport for which she could not provide a team. In football since the war, Switzerland has beaten England, Scotland and Wales, and in ice-hockey, the Swiss are the present European champions. — HUGO KURANDA (Zurich).

## STICK TO OLD

The French are conservatively traditional in their sport. Even though new games may win a brief popularity, they soon disappear again. Only cycle-racing and football seem to go on for ever.

Cycle racing, ranging from the village race to the cycle "Derby," the Tour of France, eclipses all

Importation Of  
Cricketers To Be  
Checked By MCC

London, Mar. 13. An important decision regarding the qualification of county cricketers in England under the special registration rules have been reached by an advisory committee which accepted completely the recommendations of a sub-committee.

It now remains for the MCC Committee at their next meeting to confirm a new rule into this is being settled by a majority. The main idea is to check the importation of overseas cricketers, it being realized that if their numbers became large they would prevent the development of English cricketers.

The rule will not be altered until 1953 and then no county will be able to have more than 10 specially registered players, including eight professionals.

A cricketer born outside the United Kingdom must have lived in England for three years prior to the date of registration.

The repercussions of the J. Hardstaff case of two years ago when, while coaching in New Zealand, he played for Auckland in a Tankard Shield game, have been heavily debated.

After consultations with all overseas cricket bodies, it has been agreed that there is no objection to an English cricketer appearing for a State, Dominion or province providing their rules permit.

Actually, New Zealand is the only country affected because other countries require three months' residence prior to playing. — Reuters.

## COLONY SNOOKER

The following were the results of matches played in the Colony Open Snooker Championship last night.

At H.Q.L.E. D. M. Rodriguez beat to George Low by three frames to one.

At Club: Leatham, J. R. Luke beat to E. Gifford, 3-1.

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— RITCHIE MURVEN (Vienna).

## NOTICE

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Easter Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 24th and Monday 26th March, 1951, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 21st Mar.
"YUNNAN"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 22nd Mar.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore	5 p.m. 23rd Mar.
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"BENALBANACH"	do	2nd May
"BENVENUE"	do	10th May
"BENLAVERS"	do	22nd May

### SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	DEPARTS
"BENVORLICH"	Liverpool & Rotterdam	20th Mar.
"BENALDER"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Antwerp	12th Apr.
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Rotterdam	14th May
"BENMACDHUI"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam	20th Mar.
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NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd March, 1951 to the 15th March, 1951, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd Feb., 1951.

## NOTICE

### A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 16th March, 1951, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1950, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 3rd March, 1951, to Friday, 16th March, 1951, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1951.

## NOTICE

### THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong) on THURSDAY, the 15th day of March, 1951, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1950, to confirm the appointment of a Director, to re-elect a Director and to appoint the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March, 1951, to the 15th March, 1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. SOMMERFELT, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 8th Feb., 1951.

## NOTICE

### U.S.R.C.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Club-house at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 21st March.

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## Wolfram Monopoly In Making

Madrid, Mar. 13. Informed sources said today that the formation of a powerful wolfram trust to control and production and export of the vital ore is underway in Spain.

The action was decided during a meeting here of some of the nation's big wolfram producers and representatives of the government. Wolfram is the source of Tungsten which is used among other things for the toughening of steel alloys. Its importance as a strategic ore has increased proportionately with the mounting international tension.

According to Spanish sources, the trust will constitute something of a control committee with powers to decide prices and issue transport and export licences. It will be composed of only big wolfram producers, representatives of various government departments and one representative of wolfram wholesalers.

The action is being greeted by protests from Spain's small wolfram producers who compose about 80 percent of those in the business. Small producers see in the plan a monopoly which will force them to knuckle under to a powerful minority or go out of business or into black market.

United Press.

## Talks On Sterling Balances

London, Mar. 13. Treasury officials said today there was no confirmation of reports that negotiations between Britain and Egypt had resulted in agreement on Egypt's \$300,000,000 balances.

Officials still awaited word from the British Treasury official dealing with the matter in Cairo. It was understood, however, that Britain proposed to pay forthwith £14,000,000 and annual instalments of £10,000,000, while further release of £5,000,000 would be made conditional on the trade balance between Britain and Egypt.

The agreement was understood also to cover Egypt's purchases of oil. Britain was said to have proposed that Egypt should be allowed to purchase dollar area oil by payment of sterling up to £11,000,000 annually. Treasury officials said any announcement of agreement on the Egyptian sterling balance would be made simultaneously in Cairo and London.—United Press.

## A Red Salute

Paris, Mar. 13. Communist deputies in the French National Assembly jumped to their feet and applauded for several minutes today when the Communist deputy, M. Charles Billoux, shouted: "We salute the workers of Barcelona." Renewed applause followed a call from the Communist benches of "Long Live the Spanish Republic."—Reuter.

## Persian Rice For Red Sugar

Tehran, Mar. 13. Iran will send 7,000 tons of unhusked rice to the Soviet Union in exchange for sugar, informed sources said today. They said an agreement was signed between the Iranian National Export Corporation and a Soviet trade representative.

Sweden has offered to purchase 8,000 tons of tea from Iran.—United Press.

## Jap Silk Exports

Osaka, Mar. 13. Exports of silk for the year ending 1950 totalled 80,300,000 yards, valued at \$29,713,000, according to the Silk and Chemical Fibre Exporters' Association. The United States continued to be the leading importer of Japanese silk, followed by Canada, Africa and France.—United Press.







Thuong sector northeast of Hanoi yesterday. In minor ground engagements throughout Northern Indo-China 13 Vietminh troops were killed and 13 taken prisoner, the communique claimed. Associated Press.

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